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1. I DO NOT FAVOR ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL OFFICER TO LUANDA AT THIS TIME. WHILE MANY OF ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY VAN OSS FOR LOURENCO MARQUES COULD BE CITED TO JUSTIFY ESTABLISHING USIS PRESENCE IN LUANDA, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO DO SO.

2. THIS IS BASED ON MY CONVICTION THAT OUR PRESENT INFORMATION/ PROPAGANDA/CULTURAL CAPABILITIES ARE ADEQUATE, AND THAT WITH PRESENT STAFFING WE CAN MEET ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN OPPORTUNITIES TO INFLUENCE MEDIA, ACADEMIC AND RELATED FIELDS. THIS REQUIREMENT REMAINS CLEARLY A FUNCTION OF AND SUBORDINATE TO OUR POLITICAL LISTENING POST RESPONSIBILITY. WHEN AND IF WE (THE USG) SHOULD DECIDE TO TAKE AN ACTIVIST ROLE TOWARDS ANGOLA'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT (DIRECTION OF WHICH CERTAINLY IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR, YET) THEN QUESTION OF A SEPARATE USIS PRESENCE MIGHT BECOME RELEVANT.

3. SINCE MY SUCCESSOR IS NOW IN WASHINGTON PREPARING FOR HIS LUANDA ASSIGNMENT, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO GET HIS VIEWS TOO.
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